

### **Eldon R-1 Athletic Code of Conduct:**

Covered activities include those that are regulated by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), excluding all activities in which students receive an academic grade for participation.

The Athletic Department believes that the athletics sponsored by the school district are a vital part of the total educational program and should be used as a means of developing social interactions, as well as knowledge and skills. It is further believed that student-athletes participating in the sports program are role models and serve in a leadership capacity for the student body. Therefore, these student-athletes participating in extracurricular activities are held to a higher standard of conduct both at school and in the community.

All student-athletes participating in the sports program are subject to district supervision and discipline. All athletes must comply with all policies, eligibility requirements, rules, and procedures established by the district and established by the Missouri State High School Activity Association (MSHSAA) including by laws relating to citizenship (MSHSAA, By-Law 212.0) as they apply.

#### **All coaches will enforce and all Athletes will adhere to the following codes:**

The use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol, tobacco or drugs will not be tolerated during a student's participation in extracurricular sport. Athletes should avoid placing themselves in situations where their guilt or innocence may be questioned. Should the school be made aware of any use, possession, and/or distribution of alcohol, tobacco or drugs through law enforcement contact, faculty witness or self-confession, the administration will investigate the allegations and take appropriate action. Should the investigation validate the allegation, the student will be disciplined using the following guidelines.

**Drugs:** See Policy JFCI.

**Alcohol: (after student is charged):** See Policy JFCI.

**Tobacco:** See Policy JG-R

**Unexcused Absences/Out-Of-School Suspension O.S.S./In-School Suspension I.S.S.:** Students will be unable to participate in any manner, in extracurricular and co-curricular activities during the twenty-four hour period (midnight to midnight) if they were assigned ISS, OSS, or an unexcused absence. All students will be assigned to ISS on a first come, first serve basis. ISS assigned students must attend practice and participate in conditioning but not organized practice. Student must attend but not participate in games. Students serving ASD can participate in the event if their legal guardian takes them.

**Academics:** Eldon students in grades 9-12 must meet the following requirements in order to be academically eligible to participate in interscholastic activities:

- 1. Semester prior to participation:** The student shall have earned, the preceding semester of attendance, a minimum of (3.0) units of credit or have earned credit in (80)% of the maximum allowable classes in which a student can be enrolled in the semester, whichever is greater, or a student must have made standard progress for his or her level the preceding semester in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age.
- 2. Semester of Participation:** The student shall currently be enrolled in and regularly attending courses that offer (3.0) units of credit or (80) % of the maximum allowable credits which may be earned, whichever is greater, or a student must be enrolled in a full course at his or her level in a special education program for the handicapped approved by the Missouri State Department of Education which, though un-graded, enrolls pupils of equivalent age. (MSHSAA BY-LAW 213.0)

**Citizenship Standards:** You must be a credible citizen. Credible citizens are those students whose conduct- both in school and out of school- will reflect positively upon themselves or their school. A head coach committee of at least three, on a case-by-case basis, will discipline students who do not show credible citizenship.

**Respect Issue:** No relationship, including a team, will work without RESPECT. Team members recognize that they must display respect for their coaches, their teammates, their school, the opposing team, the officials, equipment, facilities, and themselves. Disrespectful behavior will NOT be tolerated. Coaches will handle discipline at their discretion, for respect issues.

**Appearance:** Athletes who represent the Eldon School should be neat and dress in good taste. Student athletes should follow the coaches stated expectations.

**Appeals Committee:** Any decision may be appealed to the appeals committee, which consists of the Superintendent, Principal, Athletic Director, and Head Coach.